



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

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Wednesday, March 18, 2015

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-1313)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio,
Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D.,
Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and Commissioner Susan Burton

Excused: Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Roy Sinclair and Jenny Kimbell (15-1314)

Call to Order. (15-1158)

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a
moment of silence.**

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the March 11, 2015 Minutes. (15-1246)

**On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner
Cheryl Grills and unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

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II. REPORTS FOR MARCH 18, 2015

2. Department of Auditor-Controller's (AC) Report (15-0816)

Ms. Michele Day, AC, Group Home Ombudsman, distributed copies and

reported on the Children's Group Home Ombudsman Activity Report during the months of January and February 2015:

January 2015

25 Total calls

- 21 Youth callers
- 4 Adult callers

36 calls related to Collaboration Contacts/Referrals/Information

- 9 DCFS Social Workers
- 2 DCFS Child Protection Hotline (CPH)
- 1 DCFS Independent Living Program
- 2 DCFS Out-of-Home Care Management
- 3 Probation Ombudsman
- 4 Group Home
- 3 Child Attorney
- 2 Community Care Licensing
- 1 San Bernardino County Ombudsman
- 6 General Information
- 3 Probation Group Home Monitoring and Investigations Unit

4 Personal Rights

- 2 Clothing (Rosemary's, Los Angeles Youth Network)
- 1 Food (Bayfront)
- 1 Respect (David and Margaret)

2 Personal

- 1 Discipline (Penny Lane)
- 1 Physical Abuse Harm (Bayfront)

12 Other

- 3 CSW Contact (Rosemary's – 1; David and Margaret – 2)
- 3 CSW and Attorney Contact (Rosemary's -3)
- 1 Favoritism (Penny Lane)
- 1 Unfair Consequences (Penny Lane)
- 1 Home Pass (Penny Lane)
- 1 Broken Property (Penny Lane)
- 1 Emancipation and Transitional Housing (Rosemary's)
- 1 Independent Living Program (Los Angeles Youth Network)

Joint Visits/Outreach with Probation Ombudsman

- Florence Crittenton
- Bayfront Youth and Family Services
- Fleming and Barnes, Dimondale
- Olive Crest

February 2015

25 Total calls

- 22 Youth callers
- 3 Adult callers

41 calls related to Collaboration Contacts/Referrals/Information

- 4 DCFS Child Protection Hotline (CPH)
- 1 DCFS Children's Social Worker(s)
- 1 DCFS Independent Living Program Ombudsman
- 1 Public Inquiry Section
- 8 DCFS Out-of-Home Care Management
- 3 Probation Ombudsmen
- 5 Probation Group Home Monitoring and Investigations Unit
- 1 Child Attorney
- 5 Community Care Licensing
- 3 Orange County CPHL
- 1 Sacramento County Ombudsman
- 3 Group Home
- 5 General Information

6 Personal Rights

- 1 Clothing (Crittenton)
- 2 Food (Bayfront-2)
- 1 Health/Med, Dental. Psych Care (Crittenton)
- 2 Respect (Paragon Center – 2)

Personal

- 1 Fear, Threats, Intimidation, Isolation (Murrell's Farm)

9 Other

- 1 CSW and Attorney Contact (Rosemary's- 1)
- 2 Treatment (Bayfront-2)
- 2 Verbal Abuse (Paragon Center-2)
- 1 Privacy (Children Are Our Future-2)

- 2 Transportation Concerns (Children Are Our Future-2)
- 1 Placement (David and Margaret)

No outreach visits were conducted in February.

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3. Department of Children and Family Services' (DCFS) Report (15-0817)

Ms. Korliss Robinson, Out of Home Care Management Division, DCFS, reported that during the period of January and February 2015 there were a total of 1307 Absent Without Leave (AWOL) and the child abuse hotline received a total of referrals in the following categories:

January 2015 referrals

- 12 General neglect
- 5 Physical abuse
- 5 Sexual abuse
- 1 Caretaker Absence

During the same reporting period 27 referrals were closed for the following reasons:

- 7 unfounded
- 8 Inconclusive
- 8 Evaluated out
- 4 Substantiated

Ms. Robinson also reported that Fred Jefferson Memorial Foster Family Agency was placed on an Administrative hold on January 19, 2015.

February 2015 referrals

- 1 Emotional Abuse
- 27 General neglect
- 31 Physical Abuse
- 11 Sexual Abuse
- 2 Severe neglect

During the same reporting period 100 referrals were closed for the following reasons:

- 37 Unfounded

- 32 Inconclusive
- 25 Evaluated out
- 6 Substantiated

Ms. Robinson further reported that the hold on Fred Jefferson memorial Foster Family Agency was lifted on February 25, 2015.

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- 4.** Internal Services' Department (ISD) Report (15-0818)

There was no report presented, however Mr. Lear answered questions posed by the Commission.

- 5.** Department of Mental Health's (DMH) Report (15-0819)

There was no report presented.

- 6.** Probation Department's (PD) Report (15-0820)

Ms. Pamela Pease, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Group Home Monitoring and Investigations Unit, Placement Services Bureau, PD, provided the monthly status report of group home AWOLs for the month of February 2015 as follows:

There were 130 AWOLs

- 109 Youth involved
 - 37 Remain AWOL
 - 50 Returned to group homes
 - 21 Youth AWOLed more than once
 - 15 Placed in Juvenile Hall
 - 2 Camp Community Placement
 - 2 Home
 - 3 Terminated

During the same period, Ms. Pease also reported on the number of investigations as follows:

2 Child abuse

- 1 unfounded, 1 inconclusive

6 Group home investigations

- 1 unfounded, 3 substantiated, 1 inconclusive, 1 no finding

Ms. Pease further provided the Commission with a detailed report of the

status on group home monitoring, investigations and statistical findings regarding probation youth.

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7. Sheriff's Department (SD) Report (15-0821)

Commander Ralph Ornelas reported that the LA County jail demographics are broken down into the following categories:

Men's Jail 17,000 inmates

- 2,906 White – 17%
- 8,526 Latino – 50%
- 5,166 Black – 30%
- 38 Chinese and other – 3%

Century Regional Detention Center (Female inmates)

- 40% Latino
- 32% Black
- 24% White
- 4% Other

He also reported that with the passing of Proposition 47 the number of inmate bookings has decreased by 25%, resulting in a decrease in population. Proposition 47 has also allowed the Sheriff to increase the percentage of time served on high risk inmates. A discussion ensued and Commander Ornelas answered questions posed by the Commission.

8. Chairperson's Report on various items (15-1247)

Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles with the Commission:

Daily Breeze:

- **Officials Are Slow to Rein in Kids Meds (February 24, 2015)**
- **Sheriff: LAPD Light Years Beyond King Era (March 12, 2015)**
- **Fewer Meds OK'd for Kids (March 16, 2015)**

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9. Treasurer's Report (15-1248)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$367.90.

10. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports (15-1249)

In preparation for the SBC Scholarship Awards presentation, staff requested the number of scholarships the Commission will like to award. Staff also reported that the Commission for Women requested the dates that the SBC will be visiting the Century Regional Detention Facility so that they may accompany them.

11. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports (15-1250)

There was no report presented.

12. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from March 12, 2015 to March 17, 2015 (15-1251)

During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited:

- **Pico Rivera Sheriff Station (Passons, Blvd. Pico Rivera, CA) on March 16, 2015**
- **Carson Sheriff Station (Avalon Blvd., Carson, CA) on March 17, 2015**

Commissioners Grills and Burton visited:

- **Dream Catcher Foundation (2nd Ave., Los Angeles, CA) on March 12, 2015**

Commissioner Bigby visited:

- **Burbank Court (Olive St., Burbank, CA) on March 12, 2015**
- **Alhambra Court (Commonwealth Ave., Alhambra, CA) on March 13, 2015**
- **Camp Onizuta (Ave T, Lancaster, CA) on March 16, 2015**
- **Camp McNair (Ave I, Lancaster, CA) on March 16, 2015**
- **Camp Jarvis (Ave I, Lancaster, CA) on March 17, 2015**
- **Camp Smith (Ave I, Lancaster, CA) on March 17, 2015**

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

13. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-1252)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

14. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-1253)

Mr. Alan Henry, Community Care Licensing, addressed the Commission and distributed handouts.

Adjournment

15. Adjournment for the meeting of March 18, 2015. (15-1254)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of March 18, 2015 in memory of Mrs. Florence Canella at 12:15 p.m.